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some judicious measure, the general scale of compensation for the teachers of the university.

I direct that the professors supported from this endowment be provided with suitable assistance in their several departments, by the appointment of instructors of lower grades, and of draughtsmen, foremen, mechanics, clerks or assistants, as occasion may require, my desire being that the professors be free to devote themselves to whatever part of the teaching requires the greatest skill and largest experience, and to the advancement of their several subjects.

I direct that the president and fellows be free to erect buildings for the purposes of this endowment, and to purchase sites for the same, but only from the income of the endowment.

I direct that all the equipment required to illustrate teaching or to give students opportunity to practice, whether instruments, diagrams, tools, machines or apparatus, be always kept of the best design and quality, so that no antiquated, superseded, or unserviceable implement or machinery shall ever be retained in the lecture-rooms, workshops or laboratories maintained from the endowment.

Finally, I request that the name Gordon McKay be permanently attached to the professorships, buildings and scholarships or other aids for needy students, which may be established, erected or maintained from the income of this endowment.

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*THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND  
AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.*

THE American Association for the Advancement of Science will meet at St. Louis during convocation week, beginning on December 28, 1903, under the presidency of the Hon. Carroll D. Wright, U. S. commissioner of labor and president of Clark College. We hope to publish shortly full details in regard to the meeting and the local arrangements.

THE American Society of Naturalists will meet at St. Louis during convocation week. The exercises will consist as usual of a lecture followed by a smoker, a business meeting

and a discussion on Wednesday afternoon, and a dinner in the evening followed by the address of the president, professor William Trelease, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

THE sixteenth winter meeting of the Geological Society of America will be held at St. Louis, Mo., probably in a parlor of the Planters Hotel. The meeting will be called to order by President S. F. Emmons at 10 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, December 30. The meeting of the Cordilleran Section will be held January 1 and 2, 1904, in the Academy of Sciences, San Francisco.

THE American Chemical Society will meet in St. Louis on December 28 and 29. The headquarters will be the Southern Hotel, and the meeting place will be the Central High School Building. The retiring address of the President, Dr. John H. Long, will be given, probably, on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Subject: 'Some Problems in Fermentation.'

THE American Psychological Association will meet at St. Louis on Tuesday and Wednesday of convocation week under the presidency of Dr. W. L. Bryan, president of the University of Indiana.

THE next meeting of the American Philosophical Association will be held at Princeton, N. J., on December 29 and following days. The hospitalities of the meeting and program are also extended to those members of the American Psychological Association who do not meet with their own association in St. Louis.

WE hope to publish next week official notices in regard to the other scientific societies meeting during convocation week.

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*SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.*

THE medical faculty of the University of Buffalo has invited Dr. Samuel J. Meltzer, of New York, to deliver the Harrington lectures for 1903. The subject selected by Dr. Meltzer is 'Edema, a consideration of the physiological and pathological factors concerned in its formation.' The lectures will be delivered in the Medical College, November 30, and December 1, 2 and 3, at 5 P.M.